**Construction of Dr. Ambedkar Bhawan**

260. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI KESHUBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be please to state:

(a) whether Government have rejected the proposal sent by the Gujarat Government, for construction of Dr. Ambedkar Bhawan at Ahmedabad at the cost of Rs. 10 crore;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Government has sent the revised proposal for consideration; and

(d) if so, the status of the revised proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposal was not covered under the scheme of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However a request for reconsideration of the proposal was received which was not found feasible for approval.

**Construction of hostels for SC girls and boys**

261. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken over 50 per cent share of the State for construction of hostels for girls belonging to the Scheduled Castes in view of States inablility to contribute the same;

(b) the reasons for not taking over the 50 per cent share of the States for construction of hostels meant for boys belonging to the Scheduled Castes;

(c) whether her Ministry propose taking over the same; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) Keeping in view the wide gap between the literacy levels of SC girls and boys, a proposal has been formulated by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to raise the existing 50% central assistance to 100% to the State Governments for construction of hostels for Scheduled Caste girls, so as to encourage their enrolment and to reduce the drop out rate.

**Non payment of first instalment to NGOs**

†262. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the applications for first instalment of grants payable under various schemes to voluntary organizations working under the Ministry have not been accepted;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.